

*a<sub>1</sub>* bundle of hollow fiber membranes 304 consisting of a number of for example 5000  
*and* hollow fiber membranes is accommodated within the housing 301.

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On page 2, please amend the paragraph starting at line 8 as follows:

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*a<sub>2</sub>* At both ends of the housing 301, fastening members 305, 305' are provided for fixing the ends of the bundle 304 while leaving them open. Outside of the fastening member 305 is provided a second inlet 306 for introducing moist air or moist gas, and a second outlet 307 is provided outside of the fastening member 305' for discharging the moist air, moisture of which is separated and removed at the bundle of hollow fiber membranes 304. The fastening members 305, 305' are covered with a first head cover 308 and a second head cover 309, respectively. And the second inlet 306 is formed on the first head cover 308, while the second outlet 307 is formed on the second head cover 309.

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On page 2, please amend the paragraph starting at line 20 as follows:

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*a<sub>3</sub>* In the aforementioned humidifier 300 utilizing hollow fiber membranes, the moist air introduced from the second inlet 306 passes through the hollow fiber membranes forming the bundle of hollow fiber membranes 304, and the moisture within the moist air is separated by capillary action of the hollow fiber membranes. The separated moisture moves outward of the hollow fiber membrane through a capillary tube of the membrane. The moisture-removed air is discharged from the second outlet 307.

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